Phila. March 17th 1849.

My Dear Friend,

The Philadelphia Female Anti Slavery Soc.y have been discussing the expediency of employing Miss Lucy Stone, in this city, for a few weeks. Our idea is to have a course of lectures for women, in the city, and also, social meetings, for conference, etc. We want to rouse to some degree of anti-slavery vitality, the women of Phila. if it is possible. Now, we are very desirous to know whether Miss Stone is just the person to do this work, or not, and I know of no better way of obtaining the information which we need, than by applying to yourself, and my cousin Wendell Phillips. We should like your united testi-

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mony upon the subject, and if it is favorable to our project, I presume our Soc'y will act in the matter, without further hesitation. Can you speak from personal knowledge of Miss Stone and her lectures? Does she wear well? Is her manner, in private and public, prepossessing? Is her conversation instructive and interesting to the unenlightened? Do not think us fastidious. Money is scarce, with us, this year, and we do not feel at liberty to expend the amount requisite to sustain an agent here, even for a month, on a salary of ten dollars per week, unless we are convinced that proportionate good will result to the cause.

I believe that none of the Pennsylvania abolitionists have heard or seen Miss Stone.

If you will be so kind as to answer our inquiries, and give us what information you may possess, or be able to obtain, on this

subject, we shall be very much obliged to you. To so true a friend to the slave, I need not apologize for the work I am giving you.

Do not trouble yourself to consult Wendell, as I will write directly to him.

An early reply will very much assist and oblige us.

How much you must feel the absence of Mrs. Chapman! We all feel it. Yet the success of your Fair, under so disadvantageous circumstances, proves, what, indeed, we have proved again and again, that our great and glorious cause is dependent on no individual, but that as one is removed from the field, other hands will be strengthened, and other hearts inspired to fill the void. But Mrs. Chapman, cannot be lost to the cause, while she lives, however far removed from her former sphere of action. Ever since

I heard of her purpose to leave the country, I have been looking forward to the period of her return. Please remember me most affectionately to her, when you write.

We have commenced preparations for our next Fair, and are in fine spirits about it. We mean to have a better one than we have ever yet held. I intend to send you, in a few days, a copy of our Annual Report, and, also, of a sermon, recently preached by Mrs. Mott to the medical students of this city, which I think will interest you. Perhaps she has already sent it to you.

Affectionately,
Your friend,
Mary Grew.

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